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The oldest industry in Hyde Park is the Tileston & Hollingsworth Co. The extensive paper making plant of this concern, located near the River street station on the Midland R.R., has been for nearly seventy years in the possession of the Tileston and Hollingsworth families.

The Neponset River, on which this mill is situated, has a long history in connection with mill sites and privileges. In 1634 a grist mill stood on the site of the present Walter Baker chocolate mills. The first mill dam at the site of the Tileston & Hollingsworth Co. in Hyde Park was erected in 1684. It was for a saw mill, and granted by the town of Dorchester to John Trescott. In 1783-1784 a grant of land was made by the town of Dorchester to George Clark, a paper maker of Milton, one of the conditions being that his mills should be on the north side of the river so that Dorchester would get the taxes. Clark built a mill and made paper here for some years. In 1786 William Sumner bought one-half the mill and he afterwards came into possession of the whole. Sumner died Jan. 30, 1836, and the mill was sold by his executor to Tileston & Hollingsworth, Sept. 19, 1836.

There was then two mills on the property, a cotton and a paper mill. About 1837 the cotton mill was burned and replaced by a paper mill, and in 1850 the old original paper mill was torn down and replaced by a modern structure. Additions to the plant have been frequent and the machinery today is modern throughout. A fair indication of the advance made by the Company is shown by the fact that in the first year of Hyde Park's incorporation the firm paid less than \$700 in taxes. Now they pay nearly \$7,000 in taxes. In addition to their Hyde Park mills the firm have a number of others.

The firm of Tileston & Hollingsworth began business in 1801 in a mill on the Neponset River in Mattapan. It was composed of Edward Tileston of Dorchester and Mark Hollingsworth of New Jersey. Both were practical paper makers. In 1831 Edmund P. Tileston and Amor Hollingsworth, their sons, were admitted to the firm and a third generation has since succeeded them. Four of the second generation of Hollingsworths were paper makers owning mills in other Massachusetts towns, and the reputation of the early members of this firm has been well sustained by their descendants. The Hyde Park mills make a specialty of natural and calendared paper for fine book and illustrated work, the paper for some of the biggest magazines being produced here.

The company was incorporated in 1887, the present officers being A. L. Hollingsworth, President, H. M. Whitney, Vice Pres. and George F. Child, Treas.

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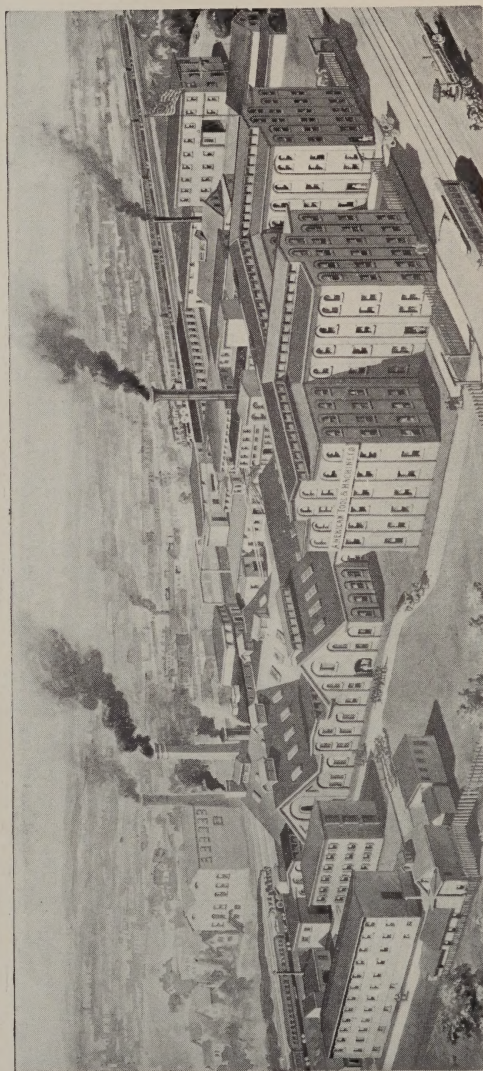
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Hyde Park Works of the AMERICAN TOOL AND MACHINE CO.



This Company was incorporated in 1864. Their location then was on Kingston St., Boston, and the late Benjamin F. Radford was superintendent. They came to Hyde Park in 1872, at first only erecting a foundry. In 1879 they added a machinery department and nearly each year has seen a visible enlargement of the plant and widening of the market for the special lines of machinery which they produce. Everything connected with the transmission of power is made here, and their fame is world wide on their special machines for the use of sugar refiners, rubber and leather manufacturers and other industries. The Company has a Boston shop employing about 75 hands. Their Hyde Park plant employs about 350 hands. The property consists of seven and one-half acres of land with immense brick buildings and floor space of about 154,000 square feet. The present officers are: W. N. Bacon, Pres.; W. O. Lincoln, Treas.; M. H. Barker, Gen. Mgr., and Henry F. Arnold, Supt.

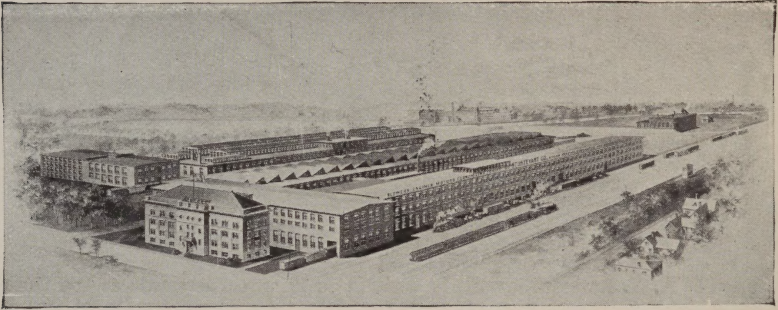
BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BECKER-BRAINARD MILLING MACHINE CO.



Works at Hyde Park, Mass.

In 1865 A. H. Brainard invented a bench vise known afterwards as the Union vise, of which over 40,000 were made and sold by the Union Vise Co. of Boston. This vise of cast iron had its front jaw and base in one piece, the rear jaw having tenons on each side and traveling in grooves on the base. In its experimental stages these grooves and tenons were finished on a planer. The time required to fit the jaws of a four-inch vise occupying the time of a good hand just about a whole day. Mr. Brainard's first attempt to save time and expense on this part of the vise was to rig up a milling attachment for an engine lathe. He fitted to the ways of the lathe a saddle having a circular prolongation dropping between the ways. This projection or cylinder was bored out to receive a corresponding cylinder cast in one piece with the bed above, which received a carriage having a movement of about eighteen inches at right angles with the lathe spindle and operated by a screw and crank. Primitive as was this device it demonstrated at once the superiority of milling irregular surfaces over planing, and search was begun at once for a suitable milling machine. He began studying up something to meet his requirements, when, in a small shop in New York City he happened to find a machine in use in which the work table was connected to a knee which travelled vertically upon the face of a standard or column. This attracted his attention and after careful examination he interviewed the maker, offering him an order, provided he would make such changes and improvements as Mr. Brainard suggested. These changes he was very reluctant to make, but finally agreed for a liberal consideration.

This machine proved a valuable auxiliary for a short time, while the tools for manufacturing the vise were in progress, but as the front jaw and base needed to be grooved on both sides it was early apparent that a double machine was a necessity for economical production. Therefore a milling machine with two independent adjustable heads was designed, or what would now be termed a duplex machine, which proved a remarkable success, meanwhile being busy perfecting designs for a better and more powerful milling machine which was as successful as the duplex. While giving much time and study to perfecting the standard machine, it was two or three years before he thought of building milling machines for the market. When the project of building machines for sale was seriously entertained he was opposed by some of his stockholders, one of whom, the treasurer of the company and the largest stockholder inquired rather sarcastically, "Who wants milling machines," concluding his remarks by assuring Mr. Brainard that he would never live long enough to sell one. The experiment was tried and truth compelled him to say that his efforts for the first year resulted in the sale of one milling machine only. The second year the sale was increased to nine, and by the winter of 1870-71 the milling machine business had assumed such proportion that the vise business was disposed of to the Backus Vise Co. of Millers Falls, Mass., which was soon afterwards merged into the Millers Falls Co. In April, 1871, the works of the Union Vise Co. were destroyed by fire, and in June, 1871, the Brainard Milling Machine Co. was organized for the purpose of making milling and kindred machines alone. In 1899 the plant was again destroyed by fire, after which a new factory was erected upon the present site and the company was reorganized and consolidated with the John Becker Mfg. Co. of Fitchburg, the name being changed to The Becker-Brainard Milling Machine Co. Eugene N. Foss is president and A. L. Lovejoy is treasurer and general manager.



THE B. F. STURTEVANT CO.

HYDE PARK

More than forty years ago B. F. Sturtevant established in a small way a business for the manufacture of blowers, at 72 Sudbury street, Boston. With the growth of the business increased facilities were provided until it became necessary to move to a new site at Jamaica Plain, where, as the years passed, buildings were added and equipment increased. In 1890 the business was incorporated under the name B. F. Sturtevant Co. The present officers are John Carr, President; Eugene N. Foss, Treasurer and General Manager; Elmer P. Howe, Clerk.

Within ten years the capacity of the extended plant was taxed to the limit, and the purchase of nearly twenty acres of land in the Readville district of Hyde Park was scarcely consummated when a serious fire visited the plant at Jamaica Plain. This disaster served to hasten the clearing of the new site and the erection of one of the most complete machinery manufacturing plants in New England. Arranged and designed with the utmost care, it presents opportunities for economy in manufacture and internal transportation equalled by few.

The foundry covers nearly an acre and a half of floor space. From the foundry most of the castings pass direct to the machine department, with its 100,000 square feet of floor space; or to the testing and electrical building, with a floor area of over 60,000 square feet. Here they are worked into engines, motors, generators, fuel economizers, etc. Of engines alone the output is nearly one thousand per year. Large orders upon rigid specifications have been executed for the U. S. Navy Department, both for electrically and steam driven fans and for very high grade electric generating sets for lighting our warships and cruisers. A large majority of the ships of our Navy are equipped for forced draft with Sturtevant blowers.

The building devoted to the manufacture of blowers, heating, ventilating and drying apparatus comprises nearly three acres of floor space. Here fan wheels ranging from six inches to 20 feet in diameter are built, and a room 30 feet in height is provided for setting up the large fan casings. Steam pipe is cut up by the million feet for the Sturtevant heaters used in connection with the fans.

The B. F. STURTEVANT CO.,—Cont.

The power plant, with its thousand horse-power of boilers and its interesting collection of Sturtevant apparatus, is situated at some distance from the main buildings, and connected therewith by a tunnel in which are carried all steam and air pipes, electric wires and the like.

A pattern building measuring 80 feet by 150 feet, a forge shop 40 feet wide by 100 feet long, a wash and locker building of similar dimensions, and an independent paint and oil house, complete the manufacturing plant.

The office building, measuring 45 feet by 125 feet, five stories in height, is occupied as the general headquarters for the entire business. In the light and airy basement is located a restaurant and a complete printing plant. The balance of the building is occupied by the production, advertising, correspondence, accounting and drafting departments, requiring for their conduct a force of nearly 200 employees. The total number employed in office and works is rapidly approaching the 1500 mark. Every care has been taken for their material welfare. Each man is provided with individual locker and washing facilities, and the "Sturtevant Special" train carries employees directly to and from the works to points between Readville and Boston.

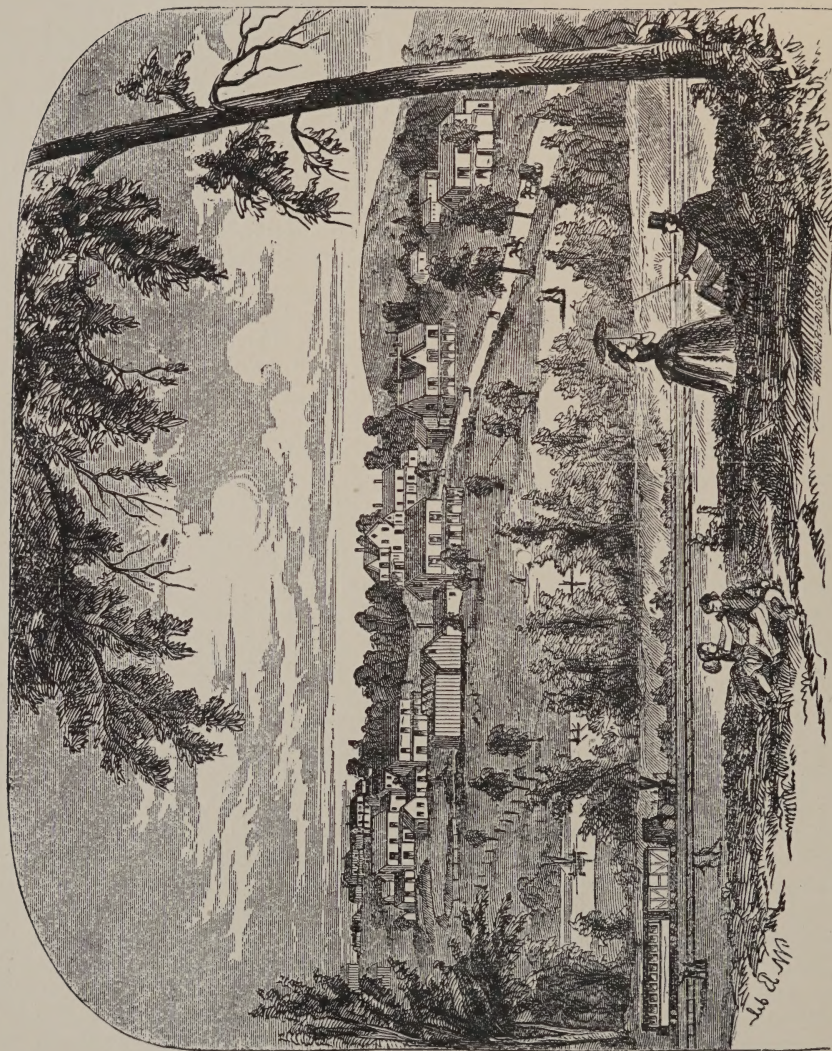
The market for the products of the B. F. Sturtevant Co. is world wide. The American business is conducted through a primary system of branch houses in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, and a number of resident agents located in other large cities.

The European business is handled by the Sturtevant Engineering Co., of London, with its subordinate offices in Glasgow, Paris, Berlin and Stockholm. Representatives in Japan, China, Australia, etc., carry this business to the uttermost parts of the earth.

**HALF A CENTURY OF PROGRESS.**

Only fifty years ago Fairmount orchards were converted into home sites; but what a wonderful progress the world has shown in that period! Compare our railroad facilities: Fifty years ago a dummy car on the New England Road, operated by the patrons themselves, making one trip each way daily, and four trains on the Boston & Providence constituted the service. Today we have on the two roads one hundred and twenty-one trains daily, besides two electric lines within our limits and one just beyond, with fifteen minute service connecting us with Boston.

Just consider for a moment the telephone, not dreamed of fifty years ago, now transmitting our voices hundreds of miles and bringing our friends to us, no matter how widely separated. Conceive if you can of doing without this little instrument now, which enables us in a moment to summons the doctor, make known our wants to the grocer or the butcher. Measured by the telephone service alone you can judge of the development and prosperity of Hyde Park. The first telephone was installed in 1882. There are now over 750 subscribers to the service and the business has so grown that the New England Telephone Company are about to erect a new building on the site beside the Methodist church.



Early View of Fairmount. From Grove originally opposite present Fairmount R. R. Station.

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You can't fire without ammunition: You can't publish a book without getting a bill from the printer. To the professional and business men whose generosity makes it possible to publish this little souvenir, the editor stands hat in hand and bows his thanks.

The Bulletin acknowledges its indebtedness to Mr. Frank B. Rich for valuable information given in the writing up of Fairmount history. Mr. Rich is a "ready reference library" on things that "have been" in our town and he is always willing to impart his knowledge to those who seek it. His father, Henry A. Rich, began early to collect data on Fairmount and Hyde Park happenings, and at his death, through his family, the Historical Society received a valuable collection of scrap books, historical pictures and documents. The future historian of Hyde Park will gratefully acknowledge the years of patient labor spent by Mr. Rich in accumulating this mass of valuable historical data.

This is the sixth number of The Fairmount Bulletin. This little pocket monthly has been published as a pure labor of love, to arouse interest in Fairmount and to preach good citizenship and loyalty to the town in which we live. Early scrap books abound in printed matter which the Twenty Associates and later the Real Estate and Building Co. issued. They believed that the town was a good place and they were not afraid to say so. It is just the same today: Hyde Park is a good place: it has its failings, but show us a town that has not. We are not living in the millennium; we are living in the strenuous twentieth century where we are all more or less inclined to let the other fellow correct the abuses of the body politic. But it is clearly the duty of every citizen to give enough of his time and talents so that the community of which he forms a part is better for his living in it.

Mr. John Appell has earned the title of the "Historian of Fairmount," as it is mainly through his patient researches and his ability as a writer, that this issue is so replete with valuable historic data. The labor involved in editing and assembling facts and figures after the lapse of fifty years can only be appreciated by one who has tried it.

The patience of our townspeople in the matter of the grade crossings at Fairmount avenue and Bridge street is to be rewarded in the outcome of this long extended struggle. All parties are now in agreement on plans for both crossings that will be the best possible solutions, and the decree of the Commissioners is looked for at an early date, the revised and final plans for Bridge street now being drawn.

The town will owe to Mr. C. F. Jenney a deep debt of gratitude not to be paid in money for the careful and able manner in which he has handled this grade crossing problem. With so many divergent interests to satisfy, it is really remarkable that the ultimate results are so absolutely in accord with Hyde Park's desires. His uniform courtesy and patience have been reciprocated by those he has been in conflict with and his steady persistence has won for the Town's best interests a great victory.

Not a little dissatisfaction exists at the long delay in building the foot bridge at Glenwood. The great need of this structure, the large territory to be benefited by it, the unanimity with which the town authorized its construction, and the readiness with which the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad cooperated in the matter, led us all to expect prompt and ready action on the part of the Town. Over a year has elapsed and the only indications of any progress are the stone abutments for the River bridge. It is hoped that the present Board of Selectmen will push this matter to a quick conclusion as a large number of our citizens are suffering from need of it.

TWENTY ASSOCIATES.

Particular interest attaches to the lives of these men inasmuch as they were not only the first settlers of Fairmount, but the projectors and promoters of the Town of Hyde Park. The matter contained in these sketches has been obtained only by laborious research and has never before been printed. It is historically correct in detail as the data has been collected either from the parties themselves or their direct descendants, largely by the late Henry A. Rich.

GEORGE W. CURRIER was born in Meredith, N. H., Jan. 28, 1821. He was brought up on a farm, attending the district school winters until he was 19 years old. At the age of 21 he started to learn the carpenter's trade and later went to Boston to live. In December, 1852, he married Miss Eliza Kelsea of Boston, also a native of Meredith. He moved to Fairmount May 1, 1856, living temporarily in the present Stephen Tucker house on Brush Hill road until his own house was completed Nov. 1 of that year. His house was the first built of the Twenty Associates and was located at the corner of Fairmount avenue and Beacon streets. The frame was raised May 15, 1856. It is better known as the old "Carlton" house and was torn down in 1905. Mr. Currier took entire charge of the building of the twenty houses for the Associates, which were all built from one set of plans and exactly alike. His wife died on June 19, 1857, her's being the first death in the new settlement. She was buried in Mount Hope cemetery. She left two children, Frank L. born in Boston Dec. 5, 1853 and Clara E. born in Boston, June 5, 1855. Sept. 23, 1858 Mr. Currier married Mrs. Eliza A. Vaughn, a native of Maine. Nov. 15, 1857, he was chosen Trustee and Treasurer of the first religious society organized in Hyde Park. In 1862 he moved to California, and later to Virginia City, Nevada, where he died Oct. 26, 1887, and was buried in Masonic ground. His son, Frank L., died Feb. 26, 1885. His daughter, Clara E., married Mr. Philo Knapp of Virginia City, Nevada, Aug. 22, 1877, and they have one child, Albert, born Nov. 26, 1886.

ALPHEUS P. BLAKE the "father" of Fairmount was a New Hampshire boy, born in Orange, N. H. in 1832 and removed at an early age to Pittsfield in the same state. He was only 23 years of age when he organized the Twenty Associates. His conception of the settlement was unique. There was no village in Fairmount for a nucleus; he planned to start his colony on virgin ground. He figured that every one of his companions could save from 15 to 20 per cent. on the cost of their houses if one contract was made for them; the element of first cost entered into all his transactions. He was a shrewd leader with unbounded faith in his undertakings. After his experience with Fairmount he became the guiding spirit in the affairs of the Real Estate and Building Co. He organized the Boston Land Co. He was prime mover in the building of the Revere Beach & Lynn R.R. and at one time head of the New England Brick Co. He now resides at Winthrop, Mass., and long ago obtained a competence.

ENOCH E. BLAKE was born in Pittsfield, N. H. July 4th, 1835. He was the son of John Blake, who was born in Pittsfield in 1802. His mother was born in London, N. H. July 4th, 1804. Enoch and his brother Alpheus came to Boston in July 1851. He first found employment in the market and then in a hotel, and he also had a newspaper route, and later he was assistant Sexton of Park St. Church, and also had charge of Niles Block on School St. In 1856 he joined the Twenty Associates and built the house at the corner of Fairmount Avenue and Beacon St. In Sept. 1859 Mr. Blake married Miss Emma E. Coon. She was born in Exeter, Me. June 8, 1839. They had one child, Blanche L. Blake, born in 1873 and died March 1, 1876. Mr. Blake's wife died Sept. 13, 1895. Mr. Blake kept a grocery store in Hyde Park from 1859 to 1863 and was also Postmaster of Fairmount under President Lincoln, also charter member and deacon of the Congregational Church, and Station Agent of the Providence Railroad. In 1866 he commenced work for Mr. Crocker in Chatham St., Boston in the wholesale fruit business. In 1872 the firm became Crocker and Blake. He has now (in 1906) a large store on Commercial St., the firm name being Blake, Scott and Lee. He has nine brothers and sisters.

Hon. DANIEL WARREN was born in Upton, Mass., April 16, 1820. He was educated in the common schools of Upton and then learned the trade of a trunk-maker. He was married Jan. 28, 1846 to Miss Mary E. Goodridge of South Danvers.

They lived in Boston until 1856 then moved to Hyde Park. Mr. Warren died May 26, 1867. He was a member of Massachusetts Senate for the year 1855, and Assistant Treasurer of the Mercantile Savings Institution of Boston. He organized the Fairmount Sabbath school at the house of A. P. Blake, June 28, 1857 and was chosen Superintendent. The Sabbath school was presented to the Methodist church June 2, 1867. Mrs. Mary E. Warren, his widow, broke the ground and turned the first sod for the foundation of the Methodist church, corner of Central avenue and Winthrop street, June 2, 1873. Their son, James L. Warren was the first babe born in Fairmount, Nov. 30, 1856. Another son, George B. Warren, is now the Cashier of the State National Bank in Boston, with which he has been connected many years.

DWIGHT B. RICH was born in Hardwick, Mass., May 2, 1826, and until 16 years of age went to school in his native town. He then worked on a farm, and when 20 years of age came to Boston to live. He soon found employment—and since that time until his death has been in various kinds of business. He built the house No. 247 Fairmount avenue, corner of Summit street in 1856, and was a resident of Hyde Park for more than 20 years. He was for several years superintendent of the New England Brick Co. of Cambridge, later was general agent of the Cary Improvement of Chelsea, and kept the Highland Park Hotel (now the Soldiers' Home) one season; he was also identified with the Boston Land Co.; North Shore Land Co.; Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad; Director of the Real Estate and Building Co. of Hyde Park; Trustee of the Fairmount Land Co.; General Agent Florida Land Co. He died at Orange Park, Florida, Oct. 23, 1882. His remains were brought home and interred in the family lot in Milton, Mass. His wife had never been able to obtain all the particulars concerning his death, so started on a trip to the South and was on board of the ill-fated steamer City of Columbus, which was wrecked off Gay's Head, Martha's Vineyard, in January, 1884. Over 100 lives were lost, Mrs. Rich among them. Her body was recovered and was buried in the family lot in Milton.

DAVID HIGGINS was born in Standhope, Prince Edward Island, April 21, 1828, died in Hyde Park April 8, 1897, aged 68 years, 11 months, 9 days. He came to Boston from the Provinces in 1853, and to Fairmount in the spring of 1856, and drove the first nail in the first of the twenty houses, on the corner of Fairmount avenue and Beacon street. Feb. 22, 1857, he was married to Miss Antoinette M. Hagerman, in Boston, and came immediately to Fairmount to live. The first school in Fairmount was in the parlor of his house. He sheltered the ministers who came to preach in the new schoolhouse after one was put up. He was a brother of Mrs. John Lawson, an early resident. Mr. Higgins was a master builder and built many of the houses in the early history of the town. He served in the 6th regiment in the Civil War. Was one of the charter members of the Baptist church. He was buried in Fairview.

WILLIAM H. SEAVEY was born in Georgetown, Me., Mar. 5, 1823, was brought up on a farm until the age of 10 years. In 1833 his father, Thomas B. Seavey, was appointed keeper of the Monheagen Island Lighthouse; he then moved to that place with his family, which consisted of his wife, Mrs. Keziah Seavey, and five children, Hinckley, Reuben, William H., Sarah and Eliza. Mr. Seavey became a schoolteacher; was master of the Elliot school, Boston, in 1855, and was principal of the Girls High and Normal, Boston, from 1856 to the time of his death, which took place April 27, 1868. Mr. Seavey built the house, 186 Fairmount avenue in 1856; he moved into it in June, 1861, and lived there until the spring of 1866, when he sold it to Benjamin F. Radford. He married Miss Mary Louisa Munroe of Boston, May 27, 1861; had one child, William Munroe Seavey, born in Hyde Park, March 29, 1862. Mr. Seavey took great interest in building and developing Hyde Park. His funeral took place April 30, 1868, at 1 p.m., the very day and hour that the town was organized.

JOHN C. FRENCH was born in Pittsfield, N. H., Mar. 1, 1832, where he spent his boyhood on the farm; attending and teaching school in winter until 1851, when he moved to Boston. In 1855 he joined the Twenty Associates and in 1856 he built the house which was occupied for so many years by Theodore D. Weld. He married Miss Annie M. Philbrick of Deerfield, N. H., in 1858, by whom he had three children, Lizzie A., Susie P. and George Abraham. In 1859 he sold his house to

James Bennett. He was at one time a Boston schoolteacher and was always greatly interested in educational matters. In 1866 he moved to Manchester, N. H., where he became president of the N. H. Fire Ins. Co., and The Manchester Shoe Co., also a director of the Merchants National Bank, and a trustee of the Guarantee Savings Bank and of the Manchester City Library. He was the son of Enoch French of Pittsfield, N. H., and a cousin of Leroy J. French, so long a respected resident of our town.

SAMUEL SALMON MOONEY, one of the Twenty Associates and founders of the town of Hyde Park, was born in Lunenburg, N. S., July 30, 1822. He came to Boston in 1842, and learned the trade of hairdresser and barber, and for nearly twenty years kept one of the largest and most stylish barber shops in Boston, located at 198 Washington street, between Winter and Franklin streets. He was married May 3, 1849, in Saco, Me., to Miss Anna Maria Gilpatric of Kennebunk, Me. He had two children, Emma M., born at Saco, Me., April 15, 1850, and Charles S. (the second boy baby born in Fairmount), April 15, 1858, and died in East Watertown, Mass., Feb. 6, 1895. Mr. Mooney moved his family to Hyde Park in the fall of 1856; during the summer he boarded on Brush Hill road and his family were in Maine. He was present at the raising of the first house May 15, 1856. He built the house No. 260 Fairmount avenue, corner of Summit street, and was a resident of Hyde Park until 1862, then sold his house and moved to Portland, Me. He owned the barber shop at the United States Hotel and later was in the coal and wood business. He moved to Cambridge, Mass., in 1885 and died there Jan. 27, 1887.

HYPOLITUS C. FISK was born in Berlin, Mass., Feb., 1827. Was married in Augusta, Me., Jan. 15, 1850. Moved to Hyde Park with his family in the fall of 1856. His daughter, Miss Helen A. Fisk, was married Dec. 17, 1878, to Marshall T. Burnett by Rev. Francis C. Williams. Mr. Burnett died May 19, 1897. Mr. Fisk was a member of the firm of Sleeper, Fisk & Co., wholesale milliners, Boston. Mr. Fisk now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Burnett, at 12 Pond street, and is the only one of the Twenty Associates now living in the town.

WILLIAM H. NIGHTINGALE was born in Dorchester May 14, 1816; died in Hyde Park Jan. 13, 1878; was married in July, 1838, to Miss Abby Harding, who was born in Chatham, Mass., Sept. 6, 1822. Mr. Nightingale came to Hyde Park in May, 1856, and worked during the season on the houses of the Twenty Associates and was present at the raising of the first house and moved his family to the town in November of that year. He, with his son, James H., served faithfully in the army during the rebellion, while his wife worked for the Union cause at home. His son, James H., died in Hyde Park, April 12, 1880; his wife also died in Hyde Park December 19, 1893.

WILLIAM ESTABROOK FRENCH was born at the old French farm in Dunstable, Mass., June 4, 1817, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Bates, Sept. 15, 1894, on Huntington avenue, Roslindale, aged 77 years. At the age of 17 he went to Boston and learned the trade of a mason. With money saved from his day's wages he attended the academy at New Hampton, N. H., in the year 1837-1838, and during the following winter the academy at Hancock, N. H. In 1843, he went into business in Boston as a contractor and builder. He was married April 10, 1845, to Miss Eliza Ann Wright of Concord, Mass., who died in Nov., 1862, leaving three daughters, Anna E. French, born Aug. 4, 1848, who married William Anderson of Bridgewater in Nov., 1881; he died in 1889; Ellen Wright French, his second daughter, was born June 6, 1851, and married Andrew Bates, May 6, 1877. William E. French was a member of Mass. House of Representatives from Boston, 1855, when the Twenty Associates were organized to start the village of Fairmount, now Hyde Park. He joined the company and erected in 1856 the house No. 185 Fairmount avenue. Mr. French never resided in Hyde Park, for, at the time of building here, he had several contracts on hand which he could not leave.

IRA L. BENTON was born in Andover, Vt., Nov. 21, 1821. In early life he was an apprentice to his father, who was a village blacksmith. At the age of 14 he was captain of a military company and attended the State muster. Taught singing school in Andover, Ludlow and Cavendish, Vt. In 1846 he moved to Boston, following the trade of his father, and perfected himself in his musical studies. In 1850 he joined the Handel and Haydn society. During his residence in Boston he

was a member of the following church choirs: Bowdoin square, Park street, Old South and Winter street churches. April 27, 1857, he married Mrs. Martha A. Farnum of Nashua, N. H., and on his wedding day came to the new settlement of Hyde Park to live, and occupied his new house, No. 237 Fairmount avenue. In the early days of the town he taught singing school and was a leader in many successful concerts that were given for church and social purposes. He died in Hyde Park April 8, 1891. His wife died Aug. 18, 1896. The interment of both was at Nashua, N. H. His only son, Charles O. Benton, died Jan. 19, 1886, aged 27 years; his interment was in the old cemetery in Milton.

JOHN S. HOBBS, the son of Eben and Mrs. Nancy Stinson Hobbs, was born in Camden, Me., Feb. 4, 1828. He was one of eight children: Charles F., George P., Josiah S., John S., Oakes P., Sarah E., Caroline M. and Nancy S. John S. Hobbs worked on a farm and drove a team until he was 22 years old and attended the district school during the winters until he was 19 years old, he then came to Boston and secured a situation in a butter, cheese and fruit store on Merchants row. Later he worked in a lime, cement and plaster store and in a short time he had a store of his own. In 1855 he joined the Twenty Associates and in the spring of 1856 they commenced building of the houses in Fairmount. Mr. Hobbs built house No. 268 Fairmount avenue; afterward it became the home for many years of Mr. Seth Blackmer and family. Mr. Hobbs was never married and did not occupy his house; his home for many years was at the Marlboro Hotel in Boston and his place of business was at 102 State street, a dealer in lime, cement, plaster, hair, coal, etc. He was an honorable and upright man. He died at Hotel Osborn, 57 Cushing avenue, Boston, Oct. 8, 1893, aged 65 years, and the interment was at Camden, Me.

JOHN NEWTON BROWN was born in Candia, N. H., Aug. 7, 1824, and died in Roxbury, Mass., Nov. 18, 1880. He worked on a farm and at carpentering until he was 23 years old. After graduating from the Bridgewater Normal school he taught school in New Bedford and Roxbury for several years, and then went into the fire insurance business in Boston, in which he continued until his death. He was married in Roxbury in 1853 to Miss Elizabeth M. Hunt. He built the house at No. 282 Fairmount avenue (occupied for a long time by J. F. Hodges, and now owned and completely altered by Hamburger) but never lived here. He was one of the first directors of the Real Estate and Building Co. in 1857 and took a deep interest in the building up of Hyde Park, always attending the meetings of the Company up to his death. In 1858 he was one of the Trustees of the Hyde Park and Fairmount Steam Car Company. He was also a director of the Revere Beach & Lynn R.R.

JESSE W. PAYSON was born Nov. 6, 1815, in Hope, Me., and died in Hyde Park Sept. 17, 1889. He was educated in the common schools of that town, and in the Waterville Institute. As an author of writing books his name became a household word in this country. He it was who first gave to students a scientific analysis of script writing, and he originated the lithograph copy for common school writing books. From 1861-1877 Mr. Payson was a member of the Faculty at the Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. As professor of penmanship and bookkeeping he taught thousands of pupils, among them many of the distinguished men of the country, including President Eliot of Harvard College, and ex-Mayor Seth Low of New York. He was the Secretary and one of the Directors of the Park Bank in Brooklyn for several years. Mr. Payson was the author of a popular series of works on bookkeeping, and was called as an expert to adjust accounts in important cases. Mr. Payson's skill in writing brought him many medals, including one given at the Centennial in Philadelphia. He was a man of generous impulses, and advanced in his christian views. At the twentieth celebration of Hyde Park anniversary in 1888, he responded to the toast "The Twenty Associates." Mr. Payson's first wife died at Union, Me. His second wife, well known in the world of letters, died in Hyde Park in 1906. He had two children, W. H. Payson, now of San Francisco, and Mrs. Matilda Cushing, a former Fairmount school teacher, who married again, moved to Maine and is now deceased.

ALPHONSO J. ROBINSON was a native of Meredith, N. H. He was born Jan. 31, 1821, and was the son of Col. Noah and Nancy Wadleigh Robinson. The subject of our sketch was one of a large family; he had nine brothers and sisters. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1848 and taught school for several years, becoming a professor of mathematics in a military academy. He was a man of fine

literary abilities and wrote a number of school books which were successful in his time, among them being the Colton series of geographies used in the schools some forty years ago. Mr. Robinson was a very reticent man, was never married, and only lived in Fairmount a few years. After his school teaching days he studied for the bar and practiced in Boston. He became attorney for several railroads and the Mercantile Savings Institution. While in Hyde Park he took a deep interest in local affairs and was first President of the Fairmount and Hyde Park Choral Society. He died in Lowell April 24, 1889.

JOHN WILLIAMS built the house No. 281 Fairmount avenue in the summer of 1856, and moved into it with his family in October of that year. The house was afterwards sold to Benjamin F. Leseur who occupied it nearly forty years. Mr. Williams was a son of Thomas C. and Eliza Williams, the eldest of six children, and was born in Warren, R. I. Feb. 6, 1815. In 1838 he married Miss Elizabeth P. Freeborn of Portsmouth, R. I. One child, Abby, was born to them April 15th, 1842, who was married to Samuel N. Piper Nov. 7, 1867 and who taught the Fairmount School during the years of 1863-4 and 5. Mr. Williams was collector for the Boston Gas Light Co., and for several years held a government position in the Navy Yard at Charlestown. He was a director in the United States Loan Fund Association in 1853-4 and a Trustee of the first Religious Society of Fairmount in 1857. He was also Treasurer of the Twenty Associates. Mrs. Williams died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel N. Piper, corner Highland Street and Fairmount Avenue, October 9, 1879.

AMOS S. ANGELL was born at Deer Isle, Me., May, 1830, and died Mar. 9, 1902, at 112 Berkeley street, Boston. He was buried at Deer Isle, Me. At the age of 15 he began a seafaring life, and served as seaman and first officer until he was 20 years old. He was then commander of a vessel and continued so until 1858. During one of his at-home seasons in 1856 he joined the Twenty Associates. Upon his arrival in Boston in 1858 from a two years' voyage (between Boston and South America, England, Havana, Cuba, Pensacola, Fla., and New York) he gave up his vessel and went to Fairmount where his parents resided, corner Fairmount Ave. and Pond street. He sold out his interest in his vessel and bought out Weeman & Storey, the first grocers in Fairmount, on site of Savage's old store. He conducted this business two or three years and then sold out and again followed the sea until 1872. In the meantime his family, wife and one child, died and were buried at Deer Isle. In 1873 he returned to Hyde Park and lived with his parents until 1874. In 1874 he came to Boston and entered into the house painting business, continuing in that business until about 1900, when he was stricken with Bright's disease. Mr. Angell was well educated and at one time in his early years taught school in his native town. He was Fairmount's second Postmaster.

JOHN E. ABBOTT is the only one of the Twenty Associates whose life is practically a sealed book to the historian at this late day. He and his brother Russell were interested in the Fairmount Land Co. Mr. Abbott was in the tailoring business in the old Mercantile Building on Summer St., Boston. In this building were the offices of the Fairmount Land Co. and Real Estate and Building Co., and probably this fact brought him into contact with the promoters of the Fairmount Settlement and led to his being one of the Twenty Associates. Mr. Enoch E. Blake remembers him as being in the tailoring business in Boston up to about 1870. He then lost track of him and a few years after heard of his being in the same business in Portland, Maine.

HYDE PARK AND FAIRMOUNT CHORAL SOCIETY

Ordinarily a musical society and shade trees are not linked together, but Fairmount is said to be indebted to the above society for the beautiful shade trees standing up and down Fairmount avenue and on other streets in our town. This society was organized in 1858. Its first officers were Prof. A. J. Robinson, Pres. W. F. Cary, Sec. and Treas. Wm. A. Blazo, Wm. Rogers and Ira L. Benton, directors. Mr. Benton was chorus conductor.

They gave six public rehearsals each year, to the delight of the village inhabitants. One grand concert they gave brought in money enough to carry out their plan of shade trees for Fairmount's highways.

THE FIRST TWENTY HOUSES.

The Twenty Associates had a well-defined plan in settling Fairmount. After their land was purchased they had Civil Engineer Breck of Milton map out the entire section and locate the streets. Fairmount avenue, named after the new settlement itself, was selected as the street upon which their own twenty houses were to be built. An architect was engaged to make a set of plans and it was agreed that the entire twenty houses were to be exactly alike. By this plan a large saving in plans and materials could be effected and the work carried forward much more expeditiously. Another important reason for this was to avoid all feelings of jealousy that one man's house was better than another's, and it was a wise arrangement. The question has also frequently been asked why these men, some without families and none of them with any money to spare, built such large houses. The answer is mainly this: A. P. Blake, who was the master mind in the enterprise, said it would make a more imposing looking community and bring others to join the settlement. And it did.

A brief record of these first twenty houses will be of value to the future historian and the present status and location will be of interest to the many men and women who have come to Hyde Park in recent years.

The first house built was on the corner of Fairmount avenue and Beacon street, which was then known as Water street. The ground for this house was broken May 1, 1856, and the frame raised fifteen days later. The house has been better locally known as the Carlton house, through its purchase by Rev. Mr. Carlton, who was pastor of the Congregational Society, which worshipped at that time in "Braggs Hall," then situated where Palmer's paint shop now stands on Fairmount avenue, near the railroad crossing. A number of other tenants have occupied it since, and each year added to its rack and ruin, until finally after being deserted for over a year and the target for small boys and firebugs, who made several attempts to destroy it, it was purchased by George M. Peabody with the sole object of ridding the neighborhood of a menace and eye-sore. He in turn sold it for less than he paid for it to Frank Rogers who tore it down and used the material in constructing another house in the "Corriganville" section. The land on which it stood is still in possession of the Carlton family, John F. Carlton, son of the minister, residing at Sandwich, Mass., being the owner. This house was built for George W. Currier, who was a contractor and had charge of building the twenty original houses. When this house was raised there were present David Higgins, a carpenter on the construction work; the late Henry A. Rich, who, although not a member of the Twenty Associates, was connected with the enterprise from the very beginning and was master painter on the houses; his brother, Dwight B. Rich, one of the Twenty, and William F. Badger, who, although not one of the Twenty, was a close follower. He had the contract for all the stairs in the twenty houses, and was so charmed with the locality that he built his house on the opposite corner within a year and brought his bride there in June, 1857. Others present were John Lawson, David Higgins' brother-in-law, and William H. Nightingale, all three of whom were carpenters on the houses; besides a number of the Associates who were not active participants in the construction work.

Mr. Currier moved into the house in 1856, and in about seven months his wife died there. Her death was the first in the new settlement and the funeral was most pathetic. There was only a narrow footbridge over the Neponset River then and the coffin had to be carried over this narrow way to the waiting cortege on the opposite side of the river. Mr. Currier's spirit was broken by the death of his wife and he moved from Hyde Park in 1862. Dr. A. H. Chapin, Hyde Park's first physician, resided in this house for a short time.

On the opposite side of the avenue, on the corner of Water street, Alpheus J. Robinson built his house. This one of the Twenty enjoyed the title of "Professor." He was proficient in music and was the president and leader of the Hyde Park and Fairmount Choral Society, which was organized in 1858, a brief sketch of which appears elsewhere in this Bulletin. Prof. Robinson's house is better known today as the Washburn house, and its exterior is much changed with additions.

The third house going up the hill was constructed for Enoch E. Blake, brother of Alpheus P., a long-time resident here, postmaster in 1861 under President Lincoln, and who afterwards moved to a more up-to-date place on Albion street.

This house is now a part of the Peabody estate and has been moved back from the street to make room for the more modern house on the corner. Mr. Blake is one of the three known living members of the Twenty Associates, and now resides in Boston.

The next house in line was the one built for John E. Abbott. Mr. Abbott never occupied it. The house is but little changed and is now and has been occupied for a long time by Prof. Luther O. Emerson, the noted composer.

Directly across the street from the Emerson house is the one built for W. E. French, who was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1855. For many years this place was known as the "Sumner house." In 1905, Charles H. Haley bought the place and has made a wonderful change in its appearance. It is now made over into a double house and all resemblance of its original form has been wiped out.

Crossing the street again was the house of William H. Seavey, a prominent man in those days, and master, for many years, of the Girls High and Normal School in Boston. Mr. Seavey lived here until 1866, when Benjamin F. Radford bought the place, and to the present generation of Hyde Parkers the place is known by his name. Mr. Radford made a beautiful estate of it. With its fine face front wall and its raised flower gardens, the citizens of the town have always been proud of it. Mr. Radford himself took keen delight in his house and grounds and lived there for nearly thirty years. In 1893 he built two new houses on Franklin Terrace for two of his children and gave up his Fairmount avenue home early in 1894 when he retired from active business. He passed away in November, 1894, while residing with one of his children, widely mourned by the community for whose service his time and talents were always ready. After Mr. Radford's death the place was purchased by Charles H. Haley, who remodelled it and built a three-story apartment house on the Warren avenue side of the lot. The main house has been occupied as a boarding house since the alterations were completed.

Next to the Seavey place was the house built for William H. Nightingale, who was a prominent grocer on Washington street, Boston, in 1855. In the early '60's it was for a time the home of Thomas Hammond, one of Hyde Park's first post-masters. Later the home of Samuel E. Ward, a Boston banker, and after his removal it became the property of Henry N. Bates, the present owner and occupant. This place has been kept in good condition and the house modernized by extensive piazzas and porches.

Following along on the same side of the avenue the next house was that of John C. French. Mr. French did not reside here long and sold the house to Thomas Bennett, who made extensive alterations so that today it looks different from any of the original twenty. Mr. Bennett sold to Theodore D. Weld, the noted abolitionist, in March, 1864. The house, during the lifetime of the Welds, was a mecca for men and women who labored for the freedom and advancement of the human race. Mr. Weld died here February 4, 1895. His wife, Angelina, passed away here in 1879, and her sister, Sarah Grimke, also a noted worker in the anti-slavery cause, died in the same house in 1871.

Across the street from the French, or more popularly speaking, the "Weld" house, was the home erected for Hypolitus C. Fisk, who is the only one of the twenty pioneers who still lives in Hyde Park. Mr. Fisk has retired from active life and is spending the sunset of his days with his daughter, Mrs. Marshall T. Burnett, whose home is on Pond street, in the rear of the old homestead erected by her father in 1856. The Fisk house has had many transient tenants in recent years and is but little changed from its original construction.

Next to the Fisk house was the home of Hon. Daniel Warren, a prominent man in the early days, a member of the Massachusetts Senate from Boston, just previous to his coming to Fairmount. While Mr. Warren's house was getting the finishing touches he brought his family here, and yielded to the kindly entreaties of Mr. Fisk to stay awhile in his house until Mr. Warren's was more comfortably finished. It was in the Fisk House that James L. Warren was born, Nov. 30, 1856, the first baby in the new settlement of Fairmount. The Warren homestead is still in possession of the family and now occupied by Weldon S. Martin.

Next to the Warren house was Ira L. Benton's place. Mr. Benton was a resident of Hyde Park from 1856 until his death in 1891, but lived most of his life while here on Winthrop street and on Harvard avenue, near the centre of the town.

He was one of the conspicuous members of the Twenty from the beginning. In his youth he learned the blacksmiths trade, and worked at it off and on. He had a good voice and was foremost in all musical events in the early days of the town. This house was for some time the home of Geo. H. Rand, a Boston tea merchant, who died in 1896, his widow continuing to reside there until her death, some five or six years later. The house is now occupied by Arthur L. Russell.

Adjoining the Benton place was the house built for Dwight B. Rich, a brother to Henry A. Rich, and one of the hardest workers in the new colony and to whose determination and bull-dog tenacity credit must be given that the enterprise was not abandoned. Mr. Rich lived here about twenty years and was interested in many land companies in other sections. The place is now better known as the Melville P. Morrell house.

Across the street was the home of David Higgins, and still occupied by his widow. This is the only house of the twenty which has its original tenant. Mrs. Higgins was married to David Higgins Feb. 22, 1857, and her honeymoon trip was a carriage drive from Boston through the thinly settled country to the new home which Mr. Higgins had labored on for months to prepare for his bride.

Next to the Higgins house was the home of Alpheus P. Blake, the President and ruling spirit of the Twenty Associates. This house was burned to the ground in 1896 while occupied by Jas. T. Hawkins, a builder who now resides in Norwood.

On the opposite corner what is now and has been known for many years as the Bidwell place, was the home of Samuel S. Mooney, who conducted a number of successful barber shops in Boston. At the time of his residence here he conducted the barber shop connected with the old Marlboro Hotel, then situated on Washington street between Winter and Franklin streets.

Next to the Mooney house, John S. Hobbs built a house which he never occupied. He was a successful Boston merchant, a bachelor, and never resided here. The Blackmer family have lived on this estate so long that their name is the only one connected with it by the present generation.

Adjoining the Hobbs' house comes Jesse Wentworth Payson's place. His widow has kept it all these years and only recently died. Mr. Payson was a man of distinction in his time. He was the originator of penmanship books as used in the public schools today and a member of the old publishing house of Dunton, Payson & Scribner, predecessors of the famous publishing house of the Scribners of today. The house is practically unchanged.

Across the street from the Mooney or Bidwell place was the home of Captain Amos S. Angell. Mr. Angell was the brother of Mrs. Dwight B. Rich. The house has been known for many years as the "Raeder" place. In this house, previous to the Raeder occupancy, lived Capt. Horatio G. Raynes, a noted blockade runner during the war, and strange stories are told of his hiding there while the government was seeking him for scuttling a ship load of slaves.

Again crossing the street we come to what is now known as the Hamburger place. This estate has been entirely modernized and bears little resemblance to its former self. This house was built for John N. Brown, for many years a Boston insurance agent. Mr. Brown was only nominally one of the Twenty Associates, as he never came here to reside, but always took an active interest in the enterprise. Previous to Mr. Hamburger's purchase, the family of J. F. Hodges occupied it.

Opposite this was the last house of the Twenty and the one farthest up the hill. It was built for John Williams, Treasurer of the Twenty Associates and for whom Williams avenue was named. The house has undergone extensive alterations, is now and has been for many years the home of the Leseur family.

TID-BITS OF LOCAL HISTORY

The first store in Fairmount was kept by George Pierce, in a little building which stood just about where the residence of the late Mr. Giles now stands. It was only there a little while and then the building was moved down Summit street almost opposite Mount Pleasant street, and it still stands there, the little house on a steep bank, the second from Williams avenue.

The long white house on Summit street, directly in front of Mount Pleasant street, was built by the late Henry A. Rich. He brought his bride there and his children were born there. It was his home for some fifteen years. Mrs. Rich for a time taught school in the old Fairmount school.

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HYDE PARK LAND COMPANIES.

The Twenty Associates were but one of many organizations who purchased large tracts of land for development in the territory which comprises Hyde Park. These land companies or groups of individuals are important links in Hyde Park's history and a brief sketch, incomplete as it is, is still worth recording.

Previous to the purchase of Fairmount by the Twenty Associates, a settlement had been planned beyond the Providence Railroad, which had been opened for traffic in 1834 as far as Dedham Plains, later called Readville. On June 26, 1847, Samuel W. Swift, Enoch Baldwin and Cheever Newhall bought about 200 acres in what is now known as the Sunnyside district, and transferred it shortly after to Charles A. White. On Sept. 1, 1853, this same property was conveyed to W. P. Barnard, Rev. Henry Lyman and O. D. Ashley as trustees for the Hyde Park Land Co., a name given by Rev. Mr. Lyman. Among those who formed this early group of pioneers are known to have been, in addition to the three named above, Gordon H. Nott, Albert Bowker, S. O. Mead and W. A. Cary. The holdings of this company were quite extensive and ran down through what is now the business section of the town as far as Walnut street and included Mount Neponset.

In 1854 a few surveys had been made and in 1855 Gordon H. Nott had dug the cellar for his house (still standing) and moved into his new home in 1856. Rev. Henry Lyman commenced his stone house in 1855 and moved into it in 1856. This house, now better locally known as the Col. Bachelder place on Gordon avenue, is today, 1906, said to be in the hands of a real estate syndicate, who are to build a modern settlement of three-story apartment houses on the estate and use the old stone house for cellar foundation stones. Progress, however, was decidedly slow on that side of the Providence Railroad, in spite of the fact that Rev. Mr. Lyman raised money enough from the landowners in that section to build in 1858, the first railroad station in the present town of Hyde Park. This little building was erected on a steep bank alongside the railroad track, nearly opposite the present Hyde Park station. Lyman Hall was situated in the upper story, where religious services were held for a time. But very few houses were built in this section, in fact for nearly ten years this settlement lay dormant, the new village of Fairmount making rapid strides in the meantime.

The Fairmount Land Company and Twenty Associates.

Organized Sept. 5, 1855, by A. P. Blake, David Higgins, Dwight B. Rich, John Williams, Daniel Warren, George W. Currier, J. Wentworth Payson, H. C. Fisk, Samuel S. Mooney, John E. Abbott, Amos S. Angell, Enoch E. Blake, Ira L. Benton, John N. Brown, J. C. French, William E. French, John S. Hobbs, A. J. Robinson, William H. Seavey and William H. Nightingale.

This company, with A. P. Blake as president and John Williams as treasurer, bought about 100 acres of land at \$200 per acre, from the rear ends of the Milton farms of Timothy and Nathan Tucker, the land running practically from Prospect street down to the Neponset river. The deeds for this property were dated Nov. 23, 1855. Each member of the company agreed to erect a homestead and was to have 35,000 feet of land for himself, — 137 feet frontage and a depth of 250 feet. The twenty houses were to be alike and the total expense, exclusive of grading and digging wells, was about \$60,000, which was divided between them. After these twenty houses were built and the settlement had assumed a civilized basis many of these pioneers turned their eyes to what is now the central part of Hyde Park and purchased land there, and in 1859 the Fairmount Land Company and Twenty Associates was merged into a new company called the Real Estate and Building Company, which received a corporate charter in 1861.

The Real Estate and Building Company.

The land holdings of this company were like an octopus. They had sections of land in every direction of Hyde Park. One of their early maps shows that in the section between the Neponset river on the one side, the Providence Railroad on the other, Lincoln street at one end, and Stony Brook and the Sumner estate in Clarendon Hills at the other, the land was practically all theirs, the Greenwood Farm being the only sizable plot which they did not control. This section alone represented two communities, Hazelwood and Clarendon Hills. The company also

had other large tracts in Fairmount, in the Corriganville district and on the hill near the water tower. Part of their holdings were purchased from the Hyde Park Land Company. Their charter was granted February 6, 1861, for a period of twenty years. In 1864 it was broadened and they received authority from the Legislature to purchase 500 acres additional anywhere within a radius of two miles from the woolen mill. In 1880 the charter was extended for five years; in 1885 for ten years more, and in 1895 it expired and the company was required by the general law to wind up its affairs inside of three years. On May 1, 1899, the last undivided piece of property belonging to the company, a house and land on Bradlee street, Clarendon Hills, was sold at public auction. All the rest of the company's holdings were divided between the company's stockholders.

Hyde Park Associates.

Organized Jan. 1, 1887. Membership was limited to forty-two. Owned parcels of land on Fairmount in the neighborhood of Beacon street, and on Fairview avenue near the cemetery. A co-operative investment enterprise. Is in existence today.

Greenwood Farm Tract.

An old landmark. What was left of this farm was plotted out into seventy-three house lots in April, 1894. The land extended from East river to Westminster street and from Metropolitan avenue to Huntington avenue. A new street was opened up through the farm and named Lexington avenue. Jefferson street was planned to run across it diagonally, but has never been completed.

Holmfild.

A tract of land bounded by the Neponset River on one side and running up to East River street. The streets in this territory are Mattakeset, Monponset, Massasoit, Wachusett and Osceola streets and Holmfild avenue. This tract was developed in May, 1894, by the Blue Hill Terrace Co. and was a very successful venture.

Pinehurst.

A section of Readville, lying between West River, Milton and Readville streets. Placed on the market in July, 1896, by the five associates, comprising Charles F. Jenney, Edwin C. Jenney, Henry B. Terry, H. E. B. Waldron and Mrs. Henry C. Stark. Gets its name from a large growth of Pine trees on the land. The lots sold very well for the first two years, but very little has been done in the past five years and many lots remain unsold.

Oakwood Park.

This land runs along Wood avenue and extends towards Rugby. Opened up by the Blue Hill Terrace Co. in 1894. Not a large tract and the lots and houses are rather small.

Rugby.

A large tract near River street station, adjoining the Boston line, in fact part of the settlement is in Boston. Wood, Harmon & Co., real estate promoters, who have opened up many tracts of land throughout the country, put this section on the market April, 1894. It was opened up with a great blare of trumpets and nearly all the lots sold, but it has never gone much beyond the first spurt. A fine new station of the N. E. R.R. was erected on the land by the promoters, but this was soon closed by the R.R. Company for lack of patronage. One peculiar feature of this section is that every street in it commences with "R," and the streets are called roads instead of streets or avenues. These roads are named Regent, Radcliffe, Ranson, Ralston, Roseberry, Rutledge, Ruskin, Roanoke, Ridge, Rock, Roland and Richmond roads.

Sergeant Blake Farm.

Near River street station. Contained about 12 acres. Was put on the market July, 1871. Blake street in this section derives its name from this farm.

People's Land Co.

A section partly in Boston. Mapped out May 1, 1893. The land lies along Newburn and Chase streets in the Clarendon Hills section.

Shepardale.

Named in honor of John Shepard, head of the house of Shepard, Norwell Co., Boston, who owned the land and turned it over to Leslie C. Swift, a real estate dealer, to develop. The land adjoins the New England R. R. at River street station. It was put on the market in 1899, but has not been a very successful venture.

Glenwood Heights.

A more euphonious name for a tract of land which is part of what is better locally known as "Corriganville." The land runs from Washington street partly into Milton, adjoining the Van Brunt and Hunt estates and James Tucker's lands. The streets included in it are Wolcott road, Cottage street and Van Brunt street. The tract was named Glenwood Heights and opened up in 1897. Many small houses have been built on it by working men who were ambitious to own their own homes. Boston capital was back of this venture.

The Metropolitan Land Co.

A company formed to develop a big tract in the Clarendon Hills section. Placed on the market in 1877. Most of the land was in Boston and the Hyde Park section of it contains thus far few houses. This company was really only one of the subsidiary companies of the Real Estate & Building Co., formed because their own charter did not allow them to own any more land than they already had.

Blanchard Farm Tract.

In Readville near the Cotton mill. Cut up into house lots in 1893 by Charles F. Jenney, Edwin C. Jenney and H. C. Stark. The land adjoins the Pinehurst tract. Blanchard street was constructed and run through the tract, and Norton street continued across it.

The Reddy Tract.

A section facing East River street near the Paper mills. Opened up April 11, 1896, by Thomas F. Reddy a Boston speculator. Four new streets were added to Hyde Park's topography by the laying out of this plot. Frazer, La Fevre and Rosa streets and Reddy avenue. Many houses were constructed and the section has been a most fruitful one for foreclosure sales.

Grew Farm Tract.

In July, 1905, a section of this big tract, owned by the Grew family since 1846, was mapped out for house lots. Summer street was extended through to West street, and the land from Austin street down to the Providence Railroad and extending up to West street was placed on the market.

Hamilton Park, Readville.

This land is part of the old camp ground. It lies between Prescott street and the Neponset river and from the trotting park down towards Milton street. Placed on the market in 1896 by a company of which George L. Litchfield was the head. Is now a prosperous community. A small public park is in this settlement.

THE FAIRMOUNT SCHOOL.

The Fairmount school had its first session in the parlor of David Higgins house in 1857. It was moved in 1858 to the new hall erected by George Pierce, on the corner of Highland street and Fairmount avenue. This building was afterwards moved across the street and stood for many years where the residence of Archibald R. Sampson now stands, and was moved to the rear lot when that house was built. The Hyde Park Baptist church also had its earliest preaching services in this hall, then known as Fairmount Hall. In 1871 the present Fairmount school building was erected. For a few years it was called the Blake school in honor of A. P. Blake, but agitation by some citizens to preserve the old name of Fairmount in connection with the school finally prevailed and its original name again attached to it.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF HYDE PARK.

One of the factors that is today making for the betterment of the Town in a great measure is the Improvement Associations which have been formed. While organized primarily for local benefit, they are all conducted on such broad lines that their effect is to arouse a more general interest in public affairs, and to direct more intelligent action on the part of our citizens. A brief history of each organization in our town today, follows :

Fairmount Improvement Association.

This association owes its inception to the following citizens, who met at the home of Edwin E. Bartlett on Dana avenue, Jan. 16, 1903: Charles A. Boynton, Edwin E. Bartlett, John W. McMahon, Albert Atkinson, Robert Scott, Edward M. Underhill, Joseph G. Hamblin, Arthur T. Rogers, John Burns, John B. Chadbourne, Joseph Fallon, James McGrath, Joseph W. Harpan, J. W. Griffiths, Martin O'Grady, E. M. Merrill and Lester P. Winchenbaugh. The organization was perfected at a meeting held in Badger's Hall on Jan. 21, 1903, when a constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, L. P. Winchenbaugh; vice-presidents, William H. Norris, Edward S. Hayward, E. E. Badger; secretary, E. E. Bartlett; treasurer, Edward W. Cross. Executive committee: George W. Bent, Charles A. Boynton, Oscar Bursch, Wilbur H. Powers, John W. McMahon, William B. Foster, Fred G. Katzmann. Advisory Committee: Dr. W. G. Adams, Hugh J. Stockford, Howard M. Hamblin.

The objects of the association are set forth in Art. II. of the constitution, which reads as follows: "Objects, the organization of residents and tax payers of the Fairmount district for co-operation in obtaining public improvements in this vicinity; for arousing increased interest in the general affairs of the town; for inducing a more intelligent understanding of public expenditures; a more careful scanning of town warrants, and a more general attendance at town meetings."

Any resident or tax payer of the Fairmount district over 18 years of age is eligible for membership.

The association from the start has steadfastly kept out of politics and devoted its entire influence and energies to the betterment of local conditions. Many of the improvements noted during the past three years can be credited to the efforts of this organization, notably the improvement of Dana avenue, the Garfield avenue and Neponset avenue drainage, the Glenwood avenue foot bridge (now building), and the improved sanitary conditions at the Fairmount school. The abolishment of the grade crossings at Fairmount avenue and Bridge street, which has absorbed a large part of the attention of the association for the past two years, is in a fair way of being settled in a manner very satisfactory to our citizens.

The present officers of the association are: President, L. P. Winchenbaugh; vice-president, E. E. Badger; secretary, J. W. Harpan; treasurer, E. W. Cross. Executive Committee: George W. Bent, James A. Tilden, C. A. Boynton, J. W. McMahon, J. J. Keane, W. H. Powers, W. D. Preston, John Hood, E. E. Bartlett, Alfred Foster, Oscar Bursch.

Hazelwood and Clarendon Hills Improvement Association.

Date of organization Jan. 26, 1903. The officers were George H. Rausch, president; A. D. Wheeler, vice-president; H. E. Whittemore, secretary; W. E. Norwood, treasurer. Board of Directors were E. H. Gallup, J. F. Hayward, Geo. B. Jeffers, W. E. Robinson, F. C. Stone. Present officers are John A. Keefe, president; Edward H. Gallup, vice-president; J. Frank Hayward, secretary; William E. Norwood, treasurer. Present Directors are George Jeffers, Alden D. Wheeler, George H. Rausch, Jervis E. Horr, Stephen Murphy. Regular meetings last Tuesdays in each month except July and August.

The particular work of importance to the Town, the inception and carrying out of which is to be credited to this Association thus far, is the subway at the Hazelwood Station. The officers and founders of this organization feel well repaid for their efforts by the local improvements secured and the increased interest manifested in public affairs by the members.

Readville Improvement Association.

Organized June 18, 1902, with the following officers: President, J. R. Corthell; vice-president, H. E. Astley; treasurer, Dr. S. T. Elliott; clerk, George S. Cabot; financial secretary, Albert Davenport; directors (beside the above), E. S. Alden, Geo. H. Clapp, Calvin H. Lee, James F. Pring, W. J. W. Wheeler, R. W. Wright. The present officers are H. E. Astley, president; Benj. Clough, vice-president; Dr. S. T. Elliott, treasurer; H. A. Pellett, clerk; Albert Davenport, financial secretary; directors: J. R. Corthell, R. W. Wright, F. C. Putney, J. W. Storer, G. Aldrich, F. L. George. Its present membership is 84. The association aims to better the conditions of the community's life in every possible way. It believes in the broadest scope for its activities. Its motto is "Nothing too small; nothing too great for our consideration, provided it touches the life of our village." The association picks up waste paper from the streets. It appeals to the districts' representative in Congress to vote for laws which will benefit all the people of the country. It seeks to cultivate a deeper and finer social spirit and aims to provide intellectual and æsthetic entertainment for the community in the way of lectures, concerts, etc.

To enumerate the material results of its four years of activity would be wearisome. Better and cleaner streets; better lighted streets; public recreation grounds; better train service; new fire alarm boxes; historical tablets; nuisances abated; unsightly buildings removed; better police protection; protection to shade trees; financial aid to worthy causes. These are but suggestions of what the association has accomplished.

East River Street Improvement Association.

In March, 1901, a meeting of the citizens of the East River Street section was called by Mr. John G. Ray to take action to procure a new school for the district. After town meeting, at which the necessary preliminary steps were taken, another meeting was held at which Mr. Ray presided. Mr. John G. McCarter thought it would be wise to organize permanently and be known as the East River Street Improvement Association. Thirty-two members signed at once. At the next meeting, constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, John G. McCarter; first vice-president, P. Fitzgerald; second vice-president, E. L. Barrett; secretary, H. E. Whittemore; treasurer, H. L. Smith; directors, C. B. Whitney, John G. Ray, Samuel Hodges, B. Corliss. Mr. McCarter served four years as president, and at the time of his death was treasurer of the association. He died in November, 1905, beloved by all who knew him. The present officers are president, Edw. L. Barrett; vice-president H. Moir; treasurer, Gorham E. Stanford; secretary, C. B. Whitney; financial secretary Edgar McLeod; directors, F. W. Lowd, O. Anderson, E. Hodgdon and Samuel Hodges. The present membership is about 70, and the immediate efforts of the association are directed to obtain a bridge over the Neponset at Holmfield. The utilization of the present Fairmount bridge, when it is abandoned, has been suggested and meets with general favor as that district should be provided with inter-communication with Milton better than now exists.

HYDE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Organized March 15, 1887.

The formation of this society so early in the Town's history was a fortunate event. Through its effort and inspiration much valuable data connected with the early life of the Town has been collected and preserved. In this work it should be sustained by all public spirited citizens. The present officers are: President, Charles G. Chick; Secretary, Fred L. Johnson; Treasurer, Henry B. Humphrey; Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Henry B. Carrington.

Curators: Above officers and Charles F. Jenney, S. Evans, George L. Stocking, Frank B. Rich, George L. Richardson, J. R. Corthell, A. F. Bridgman; Editor Historical Record, William A. Mowry.

THE CELEBRATION OF 1906.

Patriots' Day, April 19, 1906, was chosen to celebrate the semi-centennial of Fairmount on account of being a holiday and near enough to the actual date of settlement.

The celebration was under the joint auspices of the Hyde Park Historical Society and the Fairmount Improvement Association. The beginning of the anniversary exercises were on Wednesday evening, April 18, in Weld Hall, where, amid practically all the historic records of which the young town can boast, interesting speakers recounted the early struggles and ultimate triumphs of those master spirits who put Fairmount on the map and builded the village on the hill.

On the morning of the 19th, at 9 o'clock, the members of the Historical Society and Improvement Association and many citizens congregated in front of the Public Library building for a pilgrimage to the historic places on Fairmount. This feature of the day was under the leadership of Ex-Selectman Frank B. Rich, whose father, the late Henry A. Rich, was present when the first house was built and who had the contract for painting many of the first houses. The principal address by Mr. Rich was made on the site of the Currier house, corner Beacon street and Fairmount avenue, the first house built in the new settlement. The party next visited all the old houses, Mr. Rich giving a brief history of each.

In the afternoon Weld Hall was open for the reception of visitors, who wished to meet together for "Auld Lang Syne's" sake.

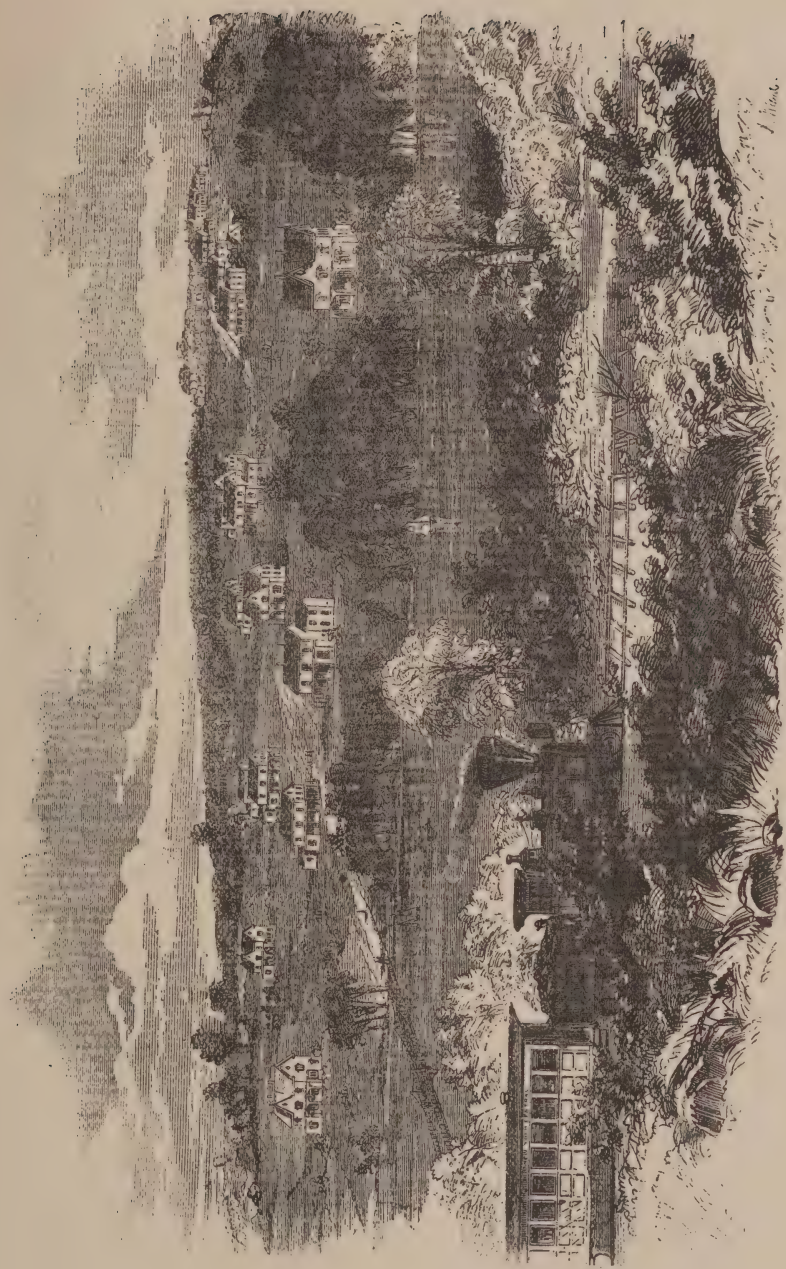
In the evening there was a grand Banquet with music and many addresses, the program of which appears on another page.

The committees having the celebration in charge were as follows: For the Historical Society—Charles G. Chick, Charles F. Jenney, Charles L. Alden and Frank B. Rich. For the Fairmount Improvement Association—William J. Webber, chairman; Harold Mason, secretary; Archibald MacGregor, treasurer; Dr. John A. Morgan, Clifford H. Bullard, Samuel E. Blanchard, Charles A. Boynton, Arthur T. Rogers, Edwin E. Bartlett, John W. McMahon, Joseph W. Harpan, John Appell, George H. B. Beals, Wilbur H. Powers, Edward E. Badger, Harry J. West and the President of the Association, Lester P. Winchenbaugh, ex-officio.

Ladies' committee—Mrs. Wilbur H. Powers, chairman; Mrs. Samuel E. Blanchard, Mrs. Archibald MacGregor, Mrs. L. P. Winchenbaugh, Mrs. Fred. L. Johnson, Mrs. E. E. Badger, Mrs. David Higgins, Mrs. Clara Raeder, Mrs. Louise M. Wood, Mrs. David W. Lewis, Mrs. A. E. Swallow, Mrs. C. L. Alden, Mrs. John C. Hurter, Mrs. George W. Hanchett, Mrs. Samuel T. Elliott, Mrs. F. W. Sawtelle, Mrs. C. F. Spear, Mrs. C. U. Meiggs, Mrs. Annie H. Weld and Mrs. J. F. Moorar.

THE FAIRMOUNT AVENUE BRIDGE.

As the Fairmount grade crossing is now in a fair way to be abolished within a year, a brief record of the present Fairmount avenue bridge over the Neponset river is in order. This was the first important public work after the town was incorporated. Benjamin F. Radford, Martin L. Whitcher and William J. Stuart were the committee on construction. The bridge was commenced in Sept., 1868, and finished in January, 1869. In their statement of expenditures we find that \$8,000 was appropriated. For the bridge itself, \$2,799.60 was paid; for stone and granite about \$1,300; for laying stone \$1,363.37, and the balance of about \$2,400 was paid for labor and incidentals. The committee certainly did their work well, and had \$211.04 unexpended balance of their appropriation.



Fairmount from Mount Neponset. Published May 23, 1857.

THE TUCKER FARMS.

Practically all the land on Fairmount was Tucker farm land. The history of Milton could not be honestly written without frequent mention of this family. The original Tucker, from whom eight generations have sprung and left their impress on Milton life and history, was Robert Tucker, who was born in 1604, in England near a place called Milton. He sailed from Weymouth in England in 1635, and settled in Wassagusset, and through his influence had that settlement name changed to Weymouth in honor of the place in the old world from which he had sailed.

In Nov., 1663, he purchased three tracts of land, containing in all about 117 acres, on "Brush Hill," and was one of the original incorporators of the town of Milton. The evidence seems to point strongly to the presumption that Robert Tucker had much to do with naming the town "Milton," following his previous action in the adjoining town of Weymouth by giving a name connected with his own early life in the old world. He was the first town recorder, also selectman for many terms, and represented the town in the General Court.

The great Blue Hill of 3,000 acres was owned by Boston in Robert Tucker's time, and history records that in order to bring this territory into Milton four citizens purchased the tract and one of these four was Manassah Tucker, son of Robert, but by a decision of the General Court only half of the tract was made a part of Milton, the other half going to Braintree.

Through successive generations Manassah Tucker's share of this land descended to Ebenezer Tucker, his son, later by him to his son, William, and he afterwards transferred it to his nephew, Ebenezer, Jr.

Thirteen deacons have been in the family since Robert's time, and a generation of Tuckers without a pillar of the church has been a rarity.

Nathan Tucker, one of the grantors of Fairmount, died Feb. 6, 1869, at the age of 80 years. Timothy Tucker, the other grantor, was a Milton selectman for seven terms, and died from an accident in 1864. His daughter, Mrs. William Oxtan, still resides in the Timothy Tucker homestead, corner of Williams avenue and Brush Hill road.

Other portions of Fairmount have come from Tucker farms; the land west of Dana avenue coming from the Dana Tucker farm. There was in the early '50's a heavy growth of timber along Dana avenue, and a big cornfield where Neponset avenue now lies.

SOME OLD FAIRMOUNT HOUSES.

About six months after the houses of the Twenty Associates were completed, six others were built from one set of plans: The Badger house now occupied by Edward E. Badger, son of William F. Badger, who was the original builder; the Hanaford house, where the Baptist church was organized, and now the home of Archibald MacGregor; the Hurter house on Water street, the home of Col. William Rogers in the early sixties, who was a distinguished man in those days, a member of Gov. Andrew's staff and the moderator of Hyde Park's first town meeting; the Putnam house, corner of Fairmount avenue and Highland street; the Eustis house on Warren avenue; and the sixth one was on Beacon street near Warren avenue, of late years owned by Henry N. Bates, and remodeled.

William A. Smith, Eben Cobb, Daniel B. Clement and Thomas Hill came to Fairmount in 1857 and purchased lots. Mr. Smith built in 1858 the house now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Kendall, at No. 62 Williams avenue. Mr. Clement built the same year what is now the Bloom house on Pond street. Mr. Cobb built some years later the house still occupied by his family at No. 231 Fairmount avenue. Thomas Hill never built upon his lot but went to California where he became very distinguished as an artist, so much so that the State of California in recognition of his talents built him a studio in Yellowstone Park.

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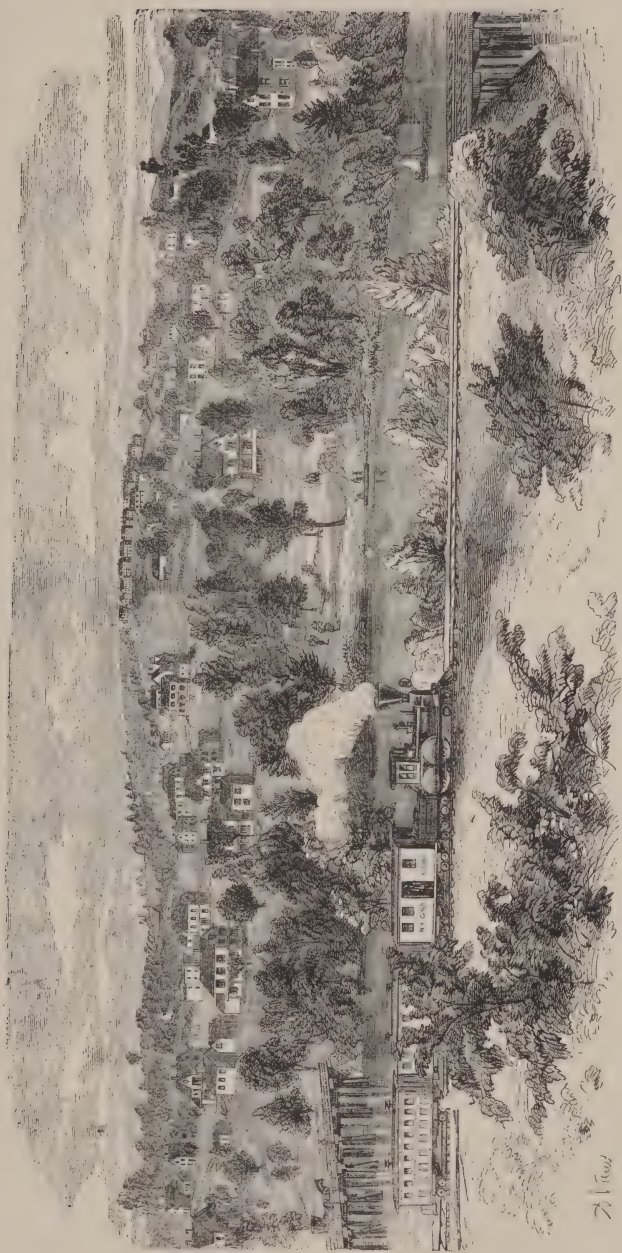
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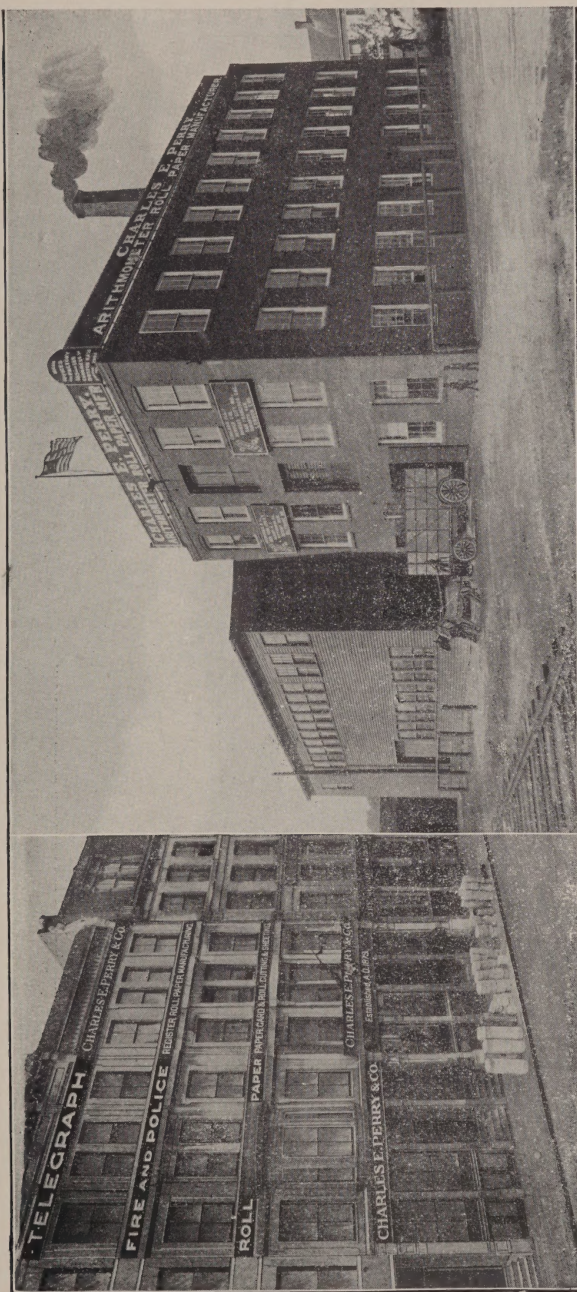
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HYDE PARK SAVINGS BANK

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